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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Chief Gregory E. Pyle
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Post Office Box 1210
Durant, OK 74702

Re: Notice of intent to negotiate a new tobacco compact

Dear Chief Pyle:

Throughout October representatives from my office conducted numerous roundtable discussions with tribal leaders at various locations across Oklahoma. One purpose of these discussions was to begin a dialogue regarding state-tribal tobacco compacts by sharing our desire to negotiate new terms of a tobacco compact. As you know, the tobacco compacts have been mutually beneficial to both Oklahoma and the tribal nations within our state. I am hopeful that this relationship can continue and be expanded upon into the future.

Based on the discussion at the roundtables and the feedback we have received, it appears there is a strong desire from the Native American nations within Oklahoma to continue to have tobacco compacts with the state. Please consider this letter our official notification of intent not to renew our current tobacco compact and instead negotiate a new tobacco compact prior to the expiration of the current tobacco compact on June 30, 2013.

Should your Nation desire to have a new tobacco compact with the state after your current tobacco compact expires, please contact my office with the name of the individual(s) designated by your Nation to negotiate terms of a new tobacco compact. I am hereby designating Steven K. Mullins, General Counsel, as the negotiator for the State. Additionally, Jacque Secondine Hensley, Native American Liaison, is an invaluable resource and I encourage you all to discuss any concerns or questions you might have with her, as well.

I look forward to entering into a new tobacco compact with your Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Fallin".

Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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